

Existing law, (R.S. 18:1485) mandates the manner in which required reports and documents concerning campaign finance are to be filed and provides that the time of filing is deemed to be either of the following:

- (1) When the report or document is physically or electronically received in the supervisory committee's Baton Rouge office.
- (2) The time the report or document is postmarked or receipted on a return receipt requested form (if subsequently received in the office).

New law retains existing law and adds hand-delivery and the use of a commercial delivery service as acceptable means of filing. Specifies that the time a document sent by commercial delivery is deemed to be filed is the time of deposit for delivery as shown on a receipt or invoice, if later received in the supervisory committee's office. Also specifies that electronic receipt of papers can be by facsimile or e-mail.

Existing law states that if the due date for any report or document to be filed falls on a holiday or weekend, filing will not be due until the first working day after the date it would otherwise be due.

New law retains existing law and specifies that holiday refers to a federal or state holiday and that a report or document will be deemed timely filed if filed on the first working day after the due date which is not a federal or state holiday.

Existing law, (R.S. 42:1157.1) provides that the filing of all reports and statements with the Board of Ethics pursuant to the Ethics Code, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and lobbyist disclosure laws is deemed timely if papers are mailed on or before the due date. Further, existing law states that a presumption of timeliness exists if the papers are received by mail the day following the due date and that, if the presumption does not apply, timeliness can only be shown by an official U.S. Postal Service postmark, receipt, or certificate made at the time of mailing and indicating the date.